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Price \$2 1/2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
January 2, Doria, German steamer, 771, W. Jerrah, Van-lam via Hoihow 1st February.
Balasat—Widdow & Co.
February 3, GREYHOUND, British steamer, 227, D. Scott, Pakhoi 24th January, and Hoihow 1st February, General—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
February 3, KASHGAR, British steamer, 1515, F. Speck, Bombay 12th January, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
February 3, JOHN KNOX, British steamer, 1350, Broly, Kuchinota 24th January, Coals—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
February 3, DOUGLAS, British steamer, 982, M. Young, Poonoh 24th January, Amoy 1st, and Swatow 2nd February, General—DOUGLAS LAUREN & Co.
February 3, STAMPS OF GIBRALTAR, British steamer, 1281, J. Dewar, Swatow 2nd February, General—RUSSELL & Co.

DEPARTURES.
February 2, DENNY, British steamer, for Singapore.
February 3, SINGAPORE, British steamer, for Hoihow.
February 3, TAMARCA, British steamer, for Europe.
February 3, EMILY, British brig, for Whampoa.
February 3, BELLOX, German steamer, for Whampoa.
February 3, HAMBURG, British steamer, for Saigon.

CLEARANCES.
At the Harbour Master's Office.
3rd February.
Moray, British steamer, for Singapore.
Camel, British steamer, for Kuchinota.
Greyhound, British steamer, for Hoihow.
Hoihow, British steamer, for Hoihow.
Ela, German steamer, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
For Doria, str. from Van-lam via Hoihow—40 Chinese.
For Greyhound, str. from Pakhoi and Hoihow—23 Chinese.
For KASHGAR, str. from Bombay—Mr. and Mrs. Rast and infant, Mahmood Ali, dock, and 105 Chinese.
For Douglas, str. from Coast Ports—Messrs. Sanderson and Widdow, and 142 Chinese.
For Straits of Gibraltar, str. from Swatow—800 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
For P. & O. str. from Hongkong.
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REPORTS.
The German steamer Doria reports from Van-lam via Hoihow on the 1st February, saying it had strong monsoon and high sea throughout.
The British steamer Greyhound reports from Pakhoi on the 24th ult., and Hoihow on the 1st inst., and had strong monsoon with head sea and the cloudy weather.

The British steamer Douglas reports from Poonoh on the 24th ult., and Hoihow on the 1st inst., and had strong monsoon with head sea and the cloudy weather. Left Amoy on the 31st, similar weather. Left Swatow on the 2nd inst., fresh monsoon and low water in Poonoh str. Amoy str. and U.S.S. Junia. In Amoy str. Greyhound and H.M.S. Swift. In Swatow str. Tachibana, Fushiki, Tinkin, Chi-yuen, and H.M.S. Eik.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
23 Cheungking, British str., from Ningpo.
23 Payon, American str., from Ningpo.
23 Tientsin, British str., from Ningpo.
24 Kiang-pai, American str., from Ningpo.
24 Wella, German str., from Ningpo.
24 Daring, British str., from Ningpo.
24 Cheungking, British str., from Ningpo.
25 Wuchang, British str., from Ningpo.
25 Yung-ching, American str., from Amoy.
25 Kwa Hing, American str., from a cruise.
26 Daniel T. Tenny, Am. str., from N. York.
26 Nagaya Maru, Jap. str., from Japan.
26 Pekin, British str., from Kuchinota.
26 Yungking, Am. str., from Wenchow.
JANUARY.
23 Cheungking, British str., from Ningpo.
23 Taiwo, British str., for Hoihow.
23 Nester, British str., for London.
24 Kiang-pai, American str., from Ningpo.
24 Chikaya Maru, Jap. str., for Kuchinota.
24 Kwang-lee, British str., for Hoihow.
25 Bonavie, British str., for London.
25 Walle, German str., from Ningpo.
25 Nester, German str., for Ningpo.
25 Wuchang, German str., for Ningpo.
26 Chang King, British str., for Ningpo.
26 Andros, British str., for Ningpo.

PORTLAND AND COMMERCE.
Sole Agents for China.
HONGKONG, 11th April 1883.
HOLLIDAY WISE & CO.
T. J. BROWN & CO.
MOUNTING STATIONERS.
6 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE Underigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and Shanghai.
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INTIMATIONS.

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FOR SALE.
THE
CHAMPAGNE
OF THE ABOVE FIRM.
PRICE:
\$19.00..... Per Dozen Quarts.
\$21.00..... Per Dozen Pints.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1895.

KELLY & WALSHE
WILLIAMS & ALMY, 1885.
Beckett, by Lord Tennyson.
Belgravia Christmas Annual.
Gentleman's Christmas Annual.
Judy's Christmas Annual.
Timothy's Christmas Annual.
Valdes's Portuguese Dictionary.
The Anatomy of Tobacco.
Tobacco Talk.
Looby's Wrinkles in Navigation—New Ed.
Bergan's Navigation. Bergan's Marine Encyclopedia.
Bergan's Guide. Bergan's Seaman's Handbook.
New Cheap Collections of Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Wills' Bristol Bird's Eye Tobacco.
Wills' Long Cut Tobacco.
Cora's Golden Cloud.
Sweet Caporal Cigarettes.
Old Judge Cigarettes.
Little Beauty Cigarettes—Flat & compressed.
Pearly Long Cut Tobacco.
Edmund's Long Cut Tobacco.
Old Judge Tobacco.
Mild Old Judge Tobacco.
Fresh Supplies of "Happy Thought" Cigarettes.
Sweet Smoking Mixture & Golden Eagle Tobacco.

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BANKS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.
INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG ON 18th July, 1884.
UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1862 TO 1883.
CAPITAL £2,000,000 IN 200,000 SHARES OF £10 EACH.
LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LIMITED.
BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON DEPOSITS.
At 4 Months' Notice 5 per Cent. per Annum.
At 6 Months' Notice 5 per Cent. per Annum.
At 12 Months' Notice 5 per Cent. per Annum.
Current Accounts kept on terms which may be learnt on application.

NOTICE.
H. A. HENKERT
Manager.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1894.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.
ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH) are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange a Certificate of the Value of the Notes deposited.

HONGKONG SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND £4,000,000.
RESERVE FOR DEPRECIATION OF £400,000.
DIVIDENDS £400,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF £200,000.
PROFITS 7,500,000.

NOTICE.
The Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, and are prepared to grant Insurance as follows:
MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policy of current rate, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.
FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Policy of current rate for long or short periods at current rates.
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AUCTION.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction
THIS DAY,
the 4th February, 1895, at 3 o'clock P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, CENTRAL, OF
JAPANESE CAMELLIA PLANTS AND DAPHNES.
TERMS OF SALE.—As per Catalogue.
J. M. ARNOLD, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1895.

INSURANCES.
THE Underigned, Agents of the above Corporation, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.
HONGKONG, 1st January 1895.

THE SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Underigned, Agents of the above Corporation, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.
STOUTERPORT & HIRST.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1894.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LIFE ASSURANCE ONLY.
Purely mutual; all profits belong to Policyholders and are made annually.
STANDARD FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1893.
Accumulated Funds \$11,379,344.
Surplus over all liabilities \$2,139,338.
Income for year 1893 \$2,717,599.
C. BERTON LINDSAY, Res. Manager, Department of the East.
BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST A.D. 1720.
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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LIFE ASSURANCE ONLY.
Purely mutual; all profits belong to Policyholders and are made annually.
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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"OOPACK."
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Underigned at Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained.

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INTIMATIONS.

THEATRE ROYAL.
TUESDAY, the 10th, FEBRUARY, 1895.
Under the immediate patronage of the presence of
H.E. Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
THE
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Lionel Linder..... Mr. Williams.
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Mr. Bolder (of Bolder & Green)..... Mr. Drummond.
Mr. Knapton (a Bank Manager)..... Mr. Williams.
Mildred Craddock..... Miss Enderboro.
Kitty Wobler..... Miss Williams.

INTIMATIONS.

FOR SINGAPORE.
"STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR."
Captain Dwyer, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Four P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1895.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA, DIRECT.
THE Company's Steamship
"ESMERALDA."
Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Five P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1895.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship
"ZAFIRO."
Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Five P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1895.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American Ship
"COMMODORE."
Blanchard, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1895.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, THIS DAY, the 4th February, at Ten o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 24th February, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1895.

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.
THE 15th ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the BOTANIC GARDEN, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 12th and 13th February, 1895.
All Exhibitors must be entered not later than the 10th instant, and PLANTS in Pots should be sent on the 11th instant.
A. ARNOLD.—First Day, 11; Second Day, 20 cents.
Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Schedules of Prices can be obtained from CHARLES FORD, Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1895.

MAIL TABLES.
THE TABLE OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES of ENGLISH and FRENCH MAILS, and from LONDON and HONGKONG with Anglo-Chinese Calendar can be had at 10 cents each or \$1 per dozen.
"Daily Press" Office, 5th January, 1895.

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held on TUESDAY, the 17th February, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the Office of the Company, No. 33, Queen's Road Central, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and of declaring a Dividend.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1895.

HONGKONG JOB COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, at Twelve o'clock, Noon, on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1895, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company, to 31st December, 1894, and the Report of the General Managers, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th instant to the 26th February, 1895, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1895.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 24th February, at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1894.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY the 10th to TUESDAY the 24th February, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1895.

much larger claim against the defendant. As soon as the summons was received the money was at once paid in full, together with the cost of the summons.

His Lordship reserved his decision.

POLICE COURT.

3rd February.

Before Mr. H. E. WOODHOUSE.

ALLEGED CHARGE OF PIRACY.
Sin Ying Fung, master of fishing junk No. 2006, again came up on remand upon the charge of piratically taking 88 balls of opium and the \$5 from one Chua Hong on the night of the 16th ultimo.

Mr. Wood (Messrs. Watson and Deacon) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Chiu (Messrs. Watson and Deacon) appeared for the defence. The case for the prosecution was concluded at the last hearing, and the defence was not entered upon.

Sin Ying Fung, master of the junk upon which the attack was said to be made, was called and examined at some length. His evidence gave quite a new aspect to the case, as from that it appeared that the complainant had adopted a false name; that he had on several occasions engaged the boats belonging to the witness and the prisoner for smuggling expeditions, and that on the night in question a Customs revenue launch had removed the opium from the witness's junk. The witness went on to explain that the complainant had employed fishing junks for his ventures in order to better to deceive the Customs. On five previous occasions the same had been successful, and the witness had received payment at the rate of 4000 per ball delivered. He detailed circumstantially the facts attending the capture of the junk, the capture of the opium, and the return to Hongkong, and upon many vital points contradicted the evidence of the complainant and his witnesses. The witness was subjected to cross-examination by Mr. Wood, but sustained the consistency of his story.

His Worship then asked the complainant and the witnesses for the prosecution to be brought into Court, and said that the case had now reached a stage when he felt it his duty in remanding it to call upon the complainant and his witnesses to enter into evidence in support of their case. He said that he would reserve his decision until the 10th inst. at 10 o'clock.

EVENTS IN NORTH FORMOSA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Tamsui, 1st January.

A change in the weather, quite warm again, has been observed. We were all happy again until our mails were delivered up to us. What a pity! A miserable little war this, to be sure. Two successful bombardments, afterwards three months' inaction. British mails brought on to British men-of-war. Some of the letters delivered to a French vessel, the others not allowed by the French to be delivered to their British owners. It often strikes us as curious that French ships (no declaration of war having been made between France and China) are permitted to stop mails being delivered to British men-of-war, and that the same ships, if disabled or in want of stores or mails, are permitted by international law to make use of a British port like Hongkong. The courtesy shown by the English in Hongkong towards the French ships is a thing to be proud of. The French in the matter of letters and stores. The French do not have a perfect right to prevent letters coming into the country, but why exclude the right against a few neutrals? Surely the blockade was established, we suppose there never was more regular communication by junks between the mainland and Formosa. We understand that junks are continually bringing Chinese mails from the north and from the mainland.

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modelled with killed almost as many Chinamen as were shot dead on the day of the first bombardment.

9th and 10th January.
Three ships outside; blowing; no occurrence.
11th January.
Bright, warm day. A ship arrived from the north, making four ships outside.

13th January.
Blowing; misty to seaward. A cruiser, arrived from Tamsui, reported that the *Triumphante* and another vessel were off Anping.
14th January.
Chiao report fighting at Wan Wan, on the 10th. Eight Frenchmen killed; Chinese lost variously estimated. Reports from Wan Wan are not trustworthy.

15th January.
Five ships outside; blowing half a gale; lots of rain.
16th January.
Block, cold day, with drizzling rain; proper Tamsui weather at this time of year. Four ships outside, scarcely visible for mist or rain.

17th January.
Very cold morning. Therm. at noon 54°. Big sea outside; ships rolling heavily. A regular wintry sort of day.

18th January.
Another wintry day. Therm. down to 49° at noon 53°.

19th January.
Warm, bright weather. The *D'Estienne* left, and a vessel like the *Viper* arrived, but went back towards Kunging. A courier arrived from Tamsui bringing information that mails would be delivered to us on arrival of the next English man-of-war. This is glorious news, all most too good to be true!

The Chinese say that they captured from the French during the engagement of the 10th a canvas bag, on one of the mail junks or rather came in to the neighbourhood of Wan Wan. Another piece of news from Wan Wan is that the French are building across the rapid three bridges of boats, but we hear so many Wan Wan stories that one cannot say whether it is true or not. It will be necessary to cross the rapids at this place or at a place below Leung Kih (Niki) in order to get on the main road leading to the Banca plain, where Lin Ming-chuan is said to be with the main body of his army.

20th January.
A wet morning. In the afternoon a northerly spring up, and the rain came down in torrents; too misty to see the French ships; blow a gale during the night.

21st January.
Cold, bright day. Therm. 57 in the shade. Only three ships outside, including the *D'Estienne* returned in the afternoon. Another courier came from Tamsui, reporting everything very quiet there, the natives and soldiers very civil to foreigners.

22nd January.
Fine day. Therm. 59°. Wind 20. Wind all round the compass during the forenoon. Three ships outside. Several Wan Wan stories reported. Most of them will no doubt be contradicted to-morrow.

23rd January.
Fine day. Great excitement in a vessel sent fishing for the post supposed to be the *Champion*. As it turned out to be a French vessel. Only three ships in port—Chinese say French reinforcements have been sent of late at Kunging, and that they have now some 4,000 troops there.

24th January.
Another fine day, but looked threatening to be evening. There is a story circulating about the old "invaluable source" that our mails are to be delayed, but that no letters for foreigners in Customs employ will be delivered. Now, verily! Another courier in from the north, reporting that the French had been destroying a lot of junks down that way.

25th January.
Dull, cloudy weather, high barometer, rather threatening to be evening. News from Kunging, or rather Wan Wan, to the effect that the French had not passed the "Rabot" or rather the "Wan Wan" rapids and were not on the high road to the Banca plain, but that Wan Wan was in their possession.

26th January.
Calm morning, but cloudy and raining. A gunboat arrived in the afternoon. At about 10 o'clock a vessel came on shore with a few letters, but they had all been taken by a French vessel, and the letters, it appears, had been taken at Tamsui, as there was a doubt about the French allowing the bags to be loaded here. It was disappointing not to get letters, and again no stores for the community. We believe that stores are actually refused in Amoy, excepting for the *Cochet*. Is this sort of thing to go on forever? If so, the community will be in a state of starvation.

27th January.
Fine, bright day; strong wind from the river. Christmas and New Year's festivities being over, everything appears dull. If we were only allowed to take our gas after ships, or to take a gallop across the downs, life would not be quite so bad.

28th January.
Four ships still outside. One of the junks taken yesterday was seen demasted and water-logged floating to the south, towards Nankun Point. Chinese say the junkmen are all taken round to Kunging and are made to work at the new roads which are being made there.

29th January.
Fine, bright, cold day. Two out of the four ships outside left, but one returned later on.

30th January.
In the afternoon two French vessels were seen at sea, sailing for the south. A heavy anxiety was heard on the south side of the river; turned out to be a body of Chinese soldiers drilling. They appear to have a few field pieces, and to know how to use them.

31st January.
Fine, warm day. Three vessels outside. In the afternoon a ship like the one which left yesterday returned from the south with a junk in tow. The blockade runners seem to be having a bad time of it just now. General Soon returned from Tai-pai-fu, the new walled city in course of building, in the Banca plain. The General had had a long holiday up the river. Several earth batteries, we hear, have been thrown up in the plain, commanding approaches from Kunging as well as Tamsui.

1st February.
The movements of the French ships to-day were most confusing. Two vessels left for a cruise after junks, one new craft came round from Kunging, two afterwards arrived from the south and steamed round to Kunging. Later on in the day one of the junks returned with two unfortunate junks in tow.

2nd February.
The *Galesmire's* crew went through riddling practice at floating targets during the afternoon.

3rd February.
Heavy rain. Four vessels outside this morning. One left with the two junks for Kunging it is supposed.

4th February.
Fine, bright day; bit of a bar on. Only three ships in sight to-day.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Indo	Hockelmann	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON VIA SWZ CANAL	Alia (str.)	Daly	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON VIA SWZ CANAL	Alia (str.)	Daly	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
MARSHALLS VIA SAIGON & HONGKONG	Djemah (str.)	Laquerre	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	H. C. Sibley	Powell	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	Commodore	Blanchard	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, & YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO	City of New York (str.)	Craig	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & MANILA	Bonglos (str.)	Taylor	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
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HONGKONG & BANGKOK	Phra Chom Kiao (str.)	Stratton	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW	Young	Young	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
AMOY	Zadira (str.)	Talbot	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.

Two French cruisers (a second one having arrived on the 14th) and the *Triumphante* kept up a brisk fire at her for the first time in an hour. Subsequently one of the cruisers weighed anchor and gave chase to within a short distance of the large fort. The little craft, with the aid of a fresh breeze, contrived, in a most marvellous manner, to escape the anchors and went on to sea. Unfortunately, one of the crew, in a paroxysm of fright, jumped overboard and was drowned. There was no communication between the two vessels, the splash of the shots as each gun was fired, the splash of the shots as each gun was fired, the splash of the shots as each gun was fired.

It is rumored that the French reinforcements are daily expected, in which case there should be important news from Tamsui in a few days. The fact of the south end of the island will, doubtless, depend upon the course of events in the north. If the occupation of Tamsui is really a success, it is not improbable that the fleet may be despatched in this direction. Should, however, the force of the disposal of the French be found to be insufficient to actually hold the island, it is not unlikely that they will multiply their difficulties by attempting the occupation of the whole island. It is evident that the *Triumphante* is here to protect the cruisers in case of a conflict with the Chinese squadron reported to be on the way.

17th January.
The French yesterday, captured no less than seven large junks. It appears that a fleet of eight left the mainland in company. One tried to escape. All were fully laden, and are now to be seen alongside and astern of the cruisers. There is great excitement in the city over the loss of these vessels. The *Triumphante*, *Chateau Renard*, and *Champion* are the ships employed in keeping the blockade. It is a matter of surprise to everyone that no British man-of-war has been seen since the now-claimed H. M. S. *Champion* visited the port, and it would seem that the neutral government takes little or no interest in the course of events. There is no news from Tamsui, beyond a Chinese rumor that the French have landed further reinforcements at Kunging.

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
Carlowitz & Co.	Carlowitz & Co.	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
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China Sugar Refining Company (Debaratras)—nominal.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$60 per share.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$142 per share, 500 shares.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$118 per share.
Borak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$30 per share.
Selatong Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.
Borak Sugar Cultivation Company—\$15.36 per share.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$88 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent. dis.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

Thermometer—Fahrenheit & Centigrade	February 22
Thermometer—Fahrenheit	61
Thermometer—Centigrade	16
Thermometer—Fahrenheit	61
Thermometer—Centigrade	16
Thermometer—Fahrenheit	61
Thermometer—Centigrade	16
Thermometer—Fahrenheit	61
Thermometer—Centigrade	16
Thermometer—Fahrenheit	61
Thermometer—Centigrade	16

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

High Water.	Low Water.
1.00	1.00
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

STATION	Temperature	Wind	Barometer	Humidity	Clouds	Sea	Remarks
Hongkong	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
Shanghai	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
Amoy	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
Swatow	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
Keelung	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
Keelung	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
Keelung	61	W	30.1	85	100	1	
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1st February, 1885, at 10 a.m.
HONGKONG OBSERVATORY, 3rd February, 1885.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Previous day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.1	30.1
Thermometer	61	61
Humidity	85	85
Direction of Wind	W	W
Force of Wind	1	1
Clouds	100	100
Rain	0	0

1. Barometer reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea, 29.98 inches and tenths.
2. Direction of wind, 3. Force of wind, 4. State of sky,

226 ft 3.13
215 ft 2.20

54,175.65	2.99
54,190.65	7.00
54,197.65	1.55
54,200.65	3.77
54,203.65	2.99
54,230.65	1.55
54,238.65	1.74
54,244.65	1.65
54,249.65	1.48
54,257.65	1.90
54,278.65	1.74
54,279.65	1.71
54,300.65	2.65
54,307.65	5.75
54,310.65	2.10
54,317.65	7.40
54,319.65	3.11
54,324.65	7.50
54,327.65	10.00
54,330.65	10.90
54,331.65	12.00
54,332.65	4.50
54,335.65	4.31

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